

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1 1.(Currently amended) A charcoal fire starter comprising  
2 a first chamber, said first chamber having a sidewall, a top edge, and a  
3 bottom surface, said first chamber having a planar plate member disposed horizontally  
4 intermediate said top edge and said bottom surface, said planar plate member having a  
5 planar plate member top and a planar plate member bottom surface, said planar member  
6 having at least one aperture formed therein extending through said planar plate member  
7 from said planar plate member top surface to said planar plate member bottom surface,  
8 said sidewall having at least one aperture formed therein intermediate said bottom surface  
9 and said planar member, and  
10 a second chamber, said second chamber disposed in cooperating  
11 relationship with said first chamber, said second chamber having a sidewall, a top edge,  
12 and a bottom surface, said second chamber bottom surface being planar and extending  
13 across said second chamber, said second chamber having at least one aperture formed  
14 therein, said second chamber having ~~a cone~~ an updraft facilitation means atop and in  
15 contacting relationship to said second chamber bottom surface, said updraft facilitation  
16 means and spaced in totality inwardly of said second chamber sidewall, said cone having  
17 a sidewall with a plurality of apertures extending therethrough, said second chamber  
18 bottom surface located above said first chamber planar member.

1 2.(Original) The device according to claim 1 wherein said first chamber sidewall has  
2 retention means for support thereon of said planar member.

1 3.(Original) The device according to claim 1 wherein said planar member has formed  
2 therein a centrally positioned aperture.

1 4.(Previously amended) The device according to claim 1 which includes a plurality of  
2 planar members directly adjacent to each other intermediate said first chamber top edge  
3 and said first chamber bottom surface, each of said planar members having at least one  
4 aperture formed therein, said planar members being cooperatively adjusted relative to one  
5 another to facilitate control of the amount of air passing through said apertures.

1 5.(Previously amended) The device according to claim 1 wherein said second chamber  
2 sidewall has a flange member, said flange member forming the bottom edge of said  
3 second chamber sidewall, said flange member telescoping with said top edge of said first  
4 chamber.

1 6.(Original) The device according to claim 1 wherein said second chamber has a  
2 removable grating placed atop said top edge of said second chamber.

1 7.(Currently amended) The device according to claim 1 wherein said second chamber has  
2 attached thereto a handle, said handle attached to and extending outwardly from said on  
3 the second chamber sidewall.

1 8.(Original) The device according to claim 1 wherein said second chamber has a plurality  
2 of supporting members extending downwardly from said second chamber bottom surface  
3 into contact with said first chamber planar member.

1 9.(Original) The device according to claim 1 wherein said planar member is removable  
2 from said first chamber.

1 10.(Original) The device according to claim 1 wherein said first chamber sidewall has  
2 apertures formed only on one side of said first chamber.

1 11.(Original) The device according to claim 1 wherein said first and second chambers are  
2 cylindrical.

1 12.(Currently amended) A charcoal fire starter comprising  
2 a first chamber, said first chamber having a sidewall, a top edge, and a  
3 bottom surface, said first chamber having a planar member disposed horizontally  
4 intermediate said top edge and said bottom surface, said planar plate member having a  
5 planar plate member top and a planar plate member bottom surface, said planar member  
6 having at least one aperture formed therein extending through said planar plate member  
7 from said planar plate member top surface to said planar plate member bottom surface,  
8 said sidewall having at least one aperture formed therein intermediate said bottom surface  
9 and said planar member,

10                   a second chamber, said second chamber disposed in cooperating  
11 relationship with said first chamber, said second chamber having a sidewall, a top edge,  
12 and a bottom surface, said second chamber bottom surface being planar and extending  
13 across said second chamber, said second chamber having at least one aperture formed  
14 therein, said bottom surface being able to have placed thereon a first fuel source and to  
15 have placed below a second fuel source, said second chamber bottom surface located  
16 above said first chamber planar member, and  
17                   an updraft facilitation means ~~a-one~~, said updraft facilitation means ~~eone~~  
18 having a sidewall with a plurality of apertures extending therethrough, said updraft  
19 facilitation means ~~eone~~ located above said first chamber planar member.

1   13.(Currently amended) The device according to claim 12 wherein said updraft  
2 facilitation means ~~eone~~ is located above said second chamber member bottom surface and  
3 spaced inwardly of said second chamber sidewall.

1   14.(Currently amended) The device according to claim 12 wherein said updraft  
2 facilitation means ~~eone~~ is disposed in an intermediate chamber, said intermediate  
3 chamber having a top edge and a bottom portion, said bottom portion having a bottom  
4 surface, said intermediate chamber top edge in contact with said second chamber, said  
5 intermediate chamber bottom portion in contact with said first chamber, said updraft  
6 facilitation means ~~eone~~ resting on said intermediate member bottom surface.

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1 16.(Original) The device according to claim 12 wherein said first chamber sidewall has  
2 apertures formed only on one side of said first chamber.

1 17.(Original) The device according to claim 12 wherein said first and second chambers  
2 are cylindrical.

1 18.(Original) The device according to claim 14 wherein said intermediate chamber is  
2 cylindrical.

1 19.(New) The device according to claim 12 wherein said second chamber has attached  
2 thereto a handle, said handle attached to and extending outwardly from said second  
3 chamber sidewall.